

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Wednesday Morning, October 31, 1866

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND

ENTERED
Oct 29—Star Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles
Star Josie McNear, Winsor, Port Angeles
Star Emily Morris, Finch, Nanaimo
Sch Alpha, George, Finch, Nanaimo
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PASSENGERS.

Per star JOSIE McNEAR from Puget Sound—W. E. Bremner, Miss Bremner, Miss Davies, Mr. & Mrs. J. Boxall, Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Berry, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Bremner, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Dennis, Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Edwards, Miss Nanette Hale, Miss Clara Durgen, Geo. Stremling, J. N. Waskett.
Per star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—Mr. Lowe, Mr. & Mrs. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Hartness, Crook, Collins, Stewart, Batchelder, A. Thompson, Crosswell, Gibbs, Jones, Munson Morris, Mr. Colburn, wife and child, Mrs. Tilman, & Ketchum & 4 children.

CONSIGNEES.

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IMPORTS.

Per star JOSIE McNEAR from Puget Sound—30 sheep, 29 lambs, 3 mts, 1 cow and calf, 2 tons bran, 10 boxes apples, 10 boxes oranges.
Per ship PRINCE OF WALES from London—220 lbs. Ac., messengers, 50 tons pig iron, 10 m. firebrick, 622 iron pots, 2 pieces chain cable, value \$125,440, exclusive of Government stores and British Columbia merchandise.

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—55 lbs. fruit, 14 bxs apples, 7 kg. raisins, 6 boxes trees, 1 horse.

Auction Sales To-day.

J. P. DAVIES & CO., Wharf street, will sell at 11 o'clock, a.m., on the premises known as the Miners Exchange Restaurant, the furniture of 17 bed rooms. P. M. BACKUS, Wharf Street, will sell at 12 o'clock, m., at Salesroom, a fine lot of Real Estate.

A MASKED BATTERY.—A few days since,

Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Shorey, while working

out on the hill near town, found an unexploded

shell, thrown there from a gun of the

United States war steamer Massachusetts

some years ago, during the Indian war in this

section. They put the shell into a hollow

stump, set fire to the stump, and retired some

distance to await the result. After waiting

some time, the shell not exploding as they

anticipated, they came to the conclusion that

it would not go off, and they went away.

Shortly after their leaving Mr. Horton came

along and stopped within a few feet of the

burning stump, with his back to the fire.

He had stood but a few minutes in that position

when the shell exploded, fortunately,

however, none of the pieces striking him,

though the concussion produced by the

explosion, knocked him some ten or fifteen

feet, while his hat took a journey on its own

hook in another direction. Mr. H. gathered

himself and hat up, somewhat astonished and

demoralized, and left the vicinity without

standing upon the order of his going, not

knowing where another battery might be

located, or what outlandish kind of an in-

ternal machine would open upon him with

shell next. We do not know whether the

gentlemen who engineered the machine are

fully satisfied with their first performance

or not, but Mr. Horton, doubtless, can testify

that the performance created quite a sensa-

tion in the audience—most emphatically

bringing it down.—Puget Sound Weekly.

A PROJECT FOR SHIPPING COAL TO SAN

FRANCISCO.—The scarcity of shipping at San

Francisco renders it a difficult matter to pro-

duce vessels to carry our Nanaimo coal to

that port. Nearly all the ships, so soon as

they arrive, are chartered to carry grain (of

which there is an abundant crop in Califor-

nia) to Australia and the East. About 15,000

tons of coal have accumulated at the pit's

mouth, at Nanaimo. Nanaimo coal is ac-

knowledged to be the best received in Cali-

fornia; and a higher price is paid for it than for

any other coal. But it might almost as well

be in the moon as at Nanaimo, for all the

chance there is of finding a market.

Latterly, a project has been set on foot to

charter the steam propeller Ajax and run her

regularly between San Francisco and Nanaimo,

calling at Victoria both ways with pas-

sengers and freight. The expense of

running the Ajax would be great; but then

the Coal Company would have the advantage

of supplying their own fuel, which would be

a considerable saving. It is thought that the

Ajax can make three trips every seven weeks

and carry 1500 tons per trip. The owners of

the vessel, we learn, have been conferred

with on the subject, and it is said that the

only question in dispute is the time to which

the charter shall extend—the Coal Company

desiring to charter the propeller for a few

months, while the owners wish the charter to

extend to a year.

STEIN EXPLORATION.—One party of the

Collins Telegraph Explorers started from

Victoria on the 15th of March last and as-

sembled the Stein river with a view to ex-

plore a route for the extension of the wires

from Nanaimo to Stein. The river was

frozen until May 1st, and the party walked

160 miles on the ice; at the mouth of the

big canon, above Buck's Bar, they left the

river and struck off in a south-easterly direc-

tion. A great deal of snow was encountered

as late as the 20th June. They travelled 130

miles in the direction of the Nas. The

country was very mountainous, and travel-

ling being difficult, provisions gave out,

and the party were four days without food,

when they fortunately met with a camp of

Stick Indians, who fed the explorers and

guided them back to Bucks Bar. Subse-

quently a portion of the party started again,

and after undergoing many hardships reached

the Nas on the 1st of October. The

country is described as a most difficult one

and offering many obstacles to the traveller;

two other parties have been sent out to ex-

plore the same section of country.

WHISKY SELLING.—A man named John

Walker, well known to the Police, pleaded

guilty yesterday in the Police Court to

supplying a bottle of wine to an Indian.

Walker said he had been at work at Cow-

ichan and was on his way to the other side.

The Magistrate remanded him for three days

to enable the prisoner to see whether he

could make arrangements for paying a small

fine and leaving the country. Inspector Welch

stated that there were already 41 prisoners

in gaol and the cells were in bad order after

the rain.

TELEGRAPHIC.—Our budget of news re-

ceived last night by telegraph will be found

more than usually interesting.

LANGUAGES.—Mons. B. Delfis, graduate of the Academie de Paris, Professor of Languages, begs leave to state that he intends resuming his classes in French and Spanish for the winter season. Lessons given to public schools in Greek, Latin, general Grammar, Literature, Rhetoric and Philosophy. Having had several years experience in teaching, his mode of tuition will be found easy and effective. On Monday next, 5th November, at 7 o'clock, p.m., M. Delfis will give an insight into the origin, formation and progress of the English, French and Spanish languages, and will explain the theory of their pronunciation and their distinctive, peculiar genius, glancing at the same time, slightly, at other modern tongues. Parties (whether of becoming pupils or not) who take an interest in the study of modern languages, are invited to attend the class. The regular classes will commence for French on the 6th, and for Spanish on the 7th November, at 7 o'clock, p.m. Persons wishing to learn Spanish or French will do well to join the classes at the commencement, as the bases of these useful languages will be then laid down. Address, Trounce cottage, Trounce alley, near Government street.

ENTRANCE.—
J. P. DAVIES & CO., AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Salesroom, Fireproof Stone Building, Wharf Street, near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

WEDNESDAY

THIS DAY.

Wednesday, Oct. 31,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A.M.

SHERIFF SALE.

Also, by Order and for account of the Mortgagee.

By order of

W. R. H. ADAMSON, ESQ.

On the Premises,

Known as the

Miners Exchange

RESTAURANT

UNDER EXECUTION,

THE FURNITURE OF 17 BED ROOMS

Bedsheets, Bed and Bedding

Tables, Chairs, Crockery

Glassware, Stoves, etc.

TERMS CASH.

J. P. DAVIES & CO., Auctioneers.

Farming Land.

THURSDAY

First class Homestead Property

FARMING LANDS!

POSITIVE AND PEREMPTORY SALE

On account of the owner leaving the Colony.

We are instructed to sell

BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

At our Salesroom, Wharf street,

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 1866,

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON,

First Class Corner Lots and fine FAMILY RESIDENCES.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Land in the City of Victoria, V. I., situated at the corner of Pandora and Quadra streets, having a frontage on Pandora 59 feet,

